

18 October 1971

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Comparison of Indochina NIEs/SNIEs with DCI Statements  
Before Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. According to Mr. Maury's office, the Director of Central Intelligence has appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or components thereof and discussed Indochina matters 15 times between 26 January 1959 and 5 May 1971. (One of these appearances was a double session on 25 and 28 February 1966; if you count this as two appearances, the total number is 16.) Mr. Maury's office has furnished us with the transcripts of the DCI's testimony or copies of his prepared statement as indicated on Attachment 2 to this memorandum. So far as we can ascertain, these transcripts are complete with one exception: the transcript for the 26 February 1969 briefing has a statement clipped to the inside of the front cover which says that "pages 60-65 and page 7-A of the transcript have been removed and are being retained in the files of the Committee on Foreign Relations." [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Pages 60-65 occur in the middle of an Indochina discussion and hence may be relevant, though without seeing them we cannot be absolutely sure.

2. My colleagues have reviewed both the transcripts and the output of NIEs and SNIEs comparing each against the other. Their findings are outlined in [REDACTED] attached memorandum (Attachment 1). In essence what you or your predecessors told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or its components was in substantial accord with the judgments extant in the National Intelligence Estimates current with the judgments briefings were given. There is one exception to this generalization which is explained in the attached memorandum.


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3. From the standpoint of consistency, no harm can be done if Senator Fulbright's request were answered by giving him back the record of what you or your predecessors said before his Committee instead of giving him the estimates he requested. This may be the best gambit with which to counter his request, at least in the first instance. There is one briefing, however, which you might want to consider for purposes of image if not of accuracy; namely, Admiral Raborn's 28 February 1966 comments, some of which were, to put it charitably, unprofessional.

4. We will retain the estimates and the material provided by Mr. Maury's office until this matter is resolved or you direct otherwise.

  
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Attachments

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